Consumer prices rise

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

While a number of individual farmers have been badly "burned" by the heat and drought of this past summer, many others produced bumper crops.

Yet consumers will be blistered by resulting increased prices for pasta, pork, beef, eggs and poultry.

The heat and drought destroyed about 35% of the nation's durum wheat crop which is used to produce pastas, with many wheat farmers in Montana and the Dakotas losing most of their income.

Farmers in other wheat producing areas of the nation, however, are reporting record crops. Officials expect 2.32 billion bushels to have been harvested which is an increase of 29 million bushels from 1979.

Consumers, unfortunately, will pay much higher prices for macaroni, spaghetti, shells and other pastas which are produced from the durum wheat.

They also can expect significantly higher prices for pork and beef, beginning in early 1981 as the result of the smaller corn crop used for feed and scorching weather conditions.

Because of the amount of grain for swine is limited, hog raisers will market both fewer and younger animals. This means prices for pork will be higher in about three months.

Beef prices will be higher because livestock producers had to purchase grain for their cattle due to the effect of heat and drought on their pasture land. Higher prices for beef will also be noticed about mid-winter.

Ironically, there are more animals being raised this year than anticipated because more calves than usual survived the unusually mild winter of 1979-80. This increased the national herd by about 4%.

The lack of good pasture land to support the increased number of animals forced producers to purchase more grain.

The heat and drought already have affected egg and poultry prices. The extensive heat in Texas, Arkansas and Georgia has seriously affected egg production and increased bird mortality.

Consumers in some sections of the country already are encountering prices on eggs and poultry that are 15 to 20% higher than a year ago. Most of us can expect to pay an additional 5% by early winter.

In spite of a booming year for many farmers, consumers should be prepared for increased prices on pasta by winter and slightly higher prices for pork and beef by the beginning of 1981.

Homemakers, now is the time for you to plan wisely for how you are going to cope with these rising prices. Some smart shopping, use of your home freezer and good wise consumer management can make the difference in your food budget.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call the Appomattox County Extension Office at 352-8244 or you may write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Homemakers, have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Cream Cheese Biscuit

1 stick margerine
3 ounces cream cheese
½ c. self rising flour
½ c. plain flour

Cream margerine and cream cheese. Add flour and mix well. Shape into oblong roll and chill (will keep 1 week in refrigerator). Just before baking, slice ¼ inch thick and bake at 325° for 15 minutes.

*Because of a misprint, this recipe is being run again.

Happiness is 4-H

4-H Share-the-Fun programs will begin next week on Thursday at Pamplin Elementary School and on Friday at Appomattox Elementary School. Programs will continue the following week, leading up to a final Share-the-Fun Show on Saturday, December 6, at ACHS. Over two hundred young people take part in Share-the-Fun activities each year in Appomattox. Special awards are provided for each participant by American Federal Savings and Loan.

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An excellent publication for the young (or old) deer hunter is called "Deer Processing for the Sportsman." We have a supply of these at the Extension Office if you are interested. The booklet covers topics ranging from field dressing to cutting and wrapping individual cuts of meat.

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Mayor Ronnie Spiggle will speak to the Teen Leader 4-H Club next week-Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 P.M. in the Extension Office on the topic of young people becoming more involved in local issues. All area teenagers are invited to participate in this meeting.

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The State Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest will be held Saturday, November 22, 1980, at Longwood College, Farmville, Virginia. Seven 4-H'ers and two adults from Appomattox County will participate in the competition and Fashion Show.

Blue ribbon citizens chosen

The following students are to be congratulated for having been chosen Blue Ribbon Citizens at Appomattox Elementary School for the week of November 3-7, 1980!

T. M. Phelps, Kim Woods, Tim Chandler, John Canada, Brent Stewart, Stephanie Fanney, Phillip Kershner, Jennifer Stephens, Julie Martin, Shelly Garrison, Tim Cheatham, Tammy Cordal.

These students have exhibited outstanding behavior during the school week.

Beverly Johnson
AES, 5th grade

Feed program applications due

1981 record high farm exports seen

BY TOM CONRAD

Emergency Feed Program - Applications for participation in the EFP will be taken through December 31, 1980. Farmers who will have to purchase feed for livestock may want to check on this program.

Eligible producers are those who: have at least a 40% loss in feed production for 1980 - do not have sufficient feed for livestock from now until May 1, 1981 - and will be buying feed in quantities larger than normal.

Assistance is limited to 50% of the cost of feed purchased not to exceed 3c per pound.

If you have any questions on the program, contact the ASCS office.

Record High Farm Exports expected in 1981 - Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate that 1980 farm exports will reach the record $40 billion previously forecast for the fiscal year which ended September 30 and they expect the record-breaking activity to continue in 1981.

According to recent reports, the value of agricultural exports for fiscal year 1981 will range between $40 and $45 billion.

Export volume may be marginally above this year's 162 million tons. Feed grain shipments are expected to match this year's 71 million tons and wheat shipments may increase by nearly 2 million tons to over 38 million tons. Small gains are forecast for rice and tobacco, while exports of soybeans, cotton, and vegetable oils may decline.

With imports on $17 to $19 billion, the agricultural trade surplus will almost certainly approach $25 billion in fiscal 1981.

It is still too early to forecast fiscal 1981 exports precisely; several factors are critical in this assessment, including weather developments, smaller U.S. crops due to drought and slow economic growth in most markets which could limit the growth in demand for U. S. farm products during the year.

Farmers depend on foreign markets as an outlet for much of their production and the extra income increases their buying power in the domestic economy.

The efficiency of the agricultural sector has been the key to its success in world markets in the past, and maintaining that efficiency in the future will be the most important single element in sustaining the gains already made, the report stated.

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Skating party slated by scout pack

Cub Scout Pack #546 will sponsor a skating party at A. J. Skateworld on Monday, Nov. 17 from 7-10 p.m.

Proceeds will go toward yearly registration of cub scouts and general expenses.

The Appomattox pack is self-supporting and needs your support to continue.

Tickets are $2.00 and may be purchased from any cub scout or by calling Cubmaster 352-8803.

Feed prices accelerate

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Hay will be in short supply on many farms and as the feeding season progresses, the price is likely to accelerate. Grain prices are up from a year ago, but they may be the best buys. Livestock owners will need to make some calculations before deciding which way to go.

Some growers may find it to their advantage to sell hay and buy grain.

Here are some substitution figures that you can use to make the determination for your situation. One pound of corn or other feed grain will replace 1.6 pounds of good quality hay and can replace up to two pounds of poor quality hay in beef cattle rations. A pound of grain will replace about four pounds of good silage in wintering rations. Assume that one pound of hay equals about 2.5 pounds of silage in TDN value.

Beef cattle require a minimum daily roughage intake of about 0.5 pounds of hay or its equivalent per 100 pounds of body weight. This means 5 pounds minimum for a 1,000 pound cow or two to three pounds for a 500 to 600 pound yearling. The remaining nutrients needed to balance the ration can come from feed grains and protein supplement.

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Forage crops like alfalfa, red clover and pastures can be fertilized now. Fall is just a good time to get these jobs over with and be ready to take advantage of early growth next spring. Application of phosphorus and potassium help maintain the stand through the winter months.

Exceptions to this would be stands that were seeded this year or a grass stand where you plan to add nitrogen. Nitrogen applications should be delayed until late winter.

All small grain fertilizer, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium should be applied at seeding time. Many growers have been reluctant to apply all nitrogen at seeding, because over the years they have always top dressed small grain in the spring. I would encourage treating a few acres as described and top dressing the remainder as is customarily done. Determine for yourself whether this isn't a preferred method. You'll save time, fuel and dollars with no production loss.

If plans call for double cropping with soybeans, apply the additional phosphorus and potassium now.

Phosphorus and potassium for corn should be plowed down this fall--there is a 5 bushel per acre yield bonus for those that do.

With all that I've said about fertilizer use, one basic consideration remains--use a soil testing process before making a purchase.

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For a number of years, we have recommended South Dakota grown bluegrass or Kenblue with Merion bluegrass for lawns if bluegrass is selected for the turf.

Two of these variety recommendations are going to be terminated.

Current recommendations would suggest at least three varieties. The top performers are: Adelphi, Birka, Enmundi, Merion, Plush, Victa and Warrens A-34. I've asked, of these, which three appear to be the very best and they are Adelphi, Birka and Plush.

You'll probably have to have these varieties ordered--so plan the seeding program well in advance.

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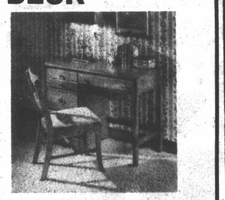

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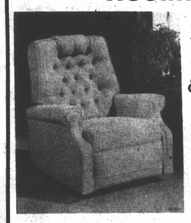

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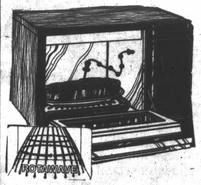

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Raiders end on winning note

The Raider varsity football team ended its season on a winning note Friday night, defeating Seminole District foe Buckingham 17-7 to finish the year with a 6-3-1 record.

"It was the best performance we've had in weeks," said Raider Coach Stuart Justus after the game. The season-ending victory came on the heels of three consecutive losses for the Appomattox team.

Buckingham got on the board first in the second quarter, on a 40-yard pass play from Buckingham quarterback Russ Gowin to Jesse Davis.

But the Raiders quickly retaliated, scoring on a 69-yard pass from quarterback Ron Carter to receiver Mike Williams. The Raiders then scored a safety against Buckingham, as Mat Ranson sacked Gowin in the end zone, also in the third quarter.

Running back Dennis Fleshman, hurt for much of the middle part of the Raiders' season this year, scored the only touchdown of the game and the season in the final quarter on a 29-yard run.

The Raiders fumbled once inside the Buckingham 10-yard line, and had a 29-yard touchdown run by Petey McIvor called back due to a clipping penalty in the fourth quarter.

"We finally played with some intensity, and we had some of the kids who have been hurt back playing again," Justus said of the game. "At last, we were both mentally and physically prepared for a game."

Justus noted that the Raiders' comeback actually started in last week's game against Radford, which the Appomattox team lost. "The kids were starting to get fired up against Radford, and this week they carried it out," Justus said.

Justus cited the efforts of Fleshman, who carried the ball 16 times for 102 yards, as well as Rodney Bryant, who picked up 37 yards on 11 runs.

Quarterback Ron Carter and "the entire offensive line" also received the coach's praise for their performance Friday night.

Reflecting on the season, Justus said he is "very pleased overall, considering all things." He noted that the many injuries which key players suffered throughout the year served to show the coaching staff some younger talent which may have been overlooked had the starters not been hurt.

"I was very impressed with the younger players, as well as with the older kids," Justus said. "It's always nice to end the season on a winning note, and right now, we're starting to think about getting ready for next year."

TIGHT END ERNEST DAVE goes up for a pass near the Buckingham goal line in Friday's season-ending victory. (Photo by Allen Austin)

'Turkey trot' planned

The Virginia Area 12 Special Olympics organization will sponsor the "Turkey Trot Five," a five-mile foot race in Lynchburg Nov. 22.

The race is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. at the Timberlake Christian School, at 300 Horizon Drive. Registration will be conducted starting at 9 a.m. Cost of registration is $5, $6 on the day of the race.

Prizes will include race tee shirts to the first 200 winners, as well as gift certificates and trophies to overall and age-group winners. Turkeys will be provided for the first-place finishers in the four age groups for men and the two age groups for women.

Special Olympics includes basketball, track and field competitions for the mentally retarded. For additional information on the foot race or on Special Olympics in general, contact Evelyn Ford at 352-8690.

'Fantasy' slated

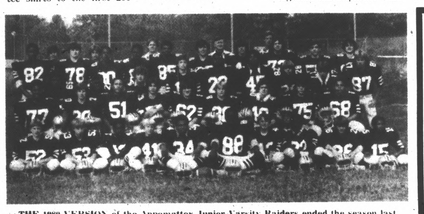
Are you seeking first-class entertainment? Would you like to see a group perform with style? If your answer is "yes" to each of these questions, then you should be in the audience of the Appomattox Co. High School auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The ACHS Choral department has added a new dimension to its curriculum this year. Each of the four chorus classes are participating in this new dimension "Choreography" - that is, movement!

It involves staging, dancing, and movement while one sings. The reaction from the students? Very enthusiastic! The educational purpose? It teaches motor coordination. Specifically, in music it helps students to keep the beat and to move to higher cognitive learning with expression.

The group performing on the 15th is called "First Class Fantasy". The students in this class auditioned, competing in vocal ability with fellow students.

The students are very excited and pleased with the tremendous growth in our choral program. As choral class was added at the high school this year. Last year there were three periods of choral music offered. This year there are four.



THE 1980 VERSION of the Appomattox Junior Varsity Raiders ended the season last week in a deadlock with William Campbell for the district title, with a 7-1 Seminole District record.

NEW STAFF AT WTTX announced this week are Tony Clifton, Sales Manager. Clifton is a native of Appomattox County and a graduate of Appomattox County High School. Clifton, who is married to the former Vanessa Phelps, and makes their home at Route 2, Gladstone, was the afternoon Rock DJ and Sports Director at WTTX. Margaret Harris who has worked at WTTX for the past six years in every phase of operation has been named General Manager. A graduate of Appomattox County High School, she has worked an occasional shift as D.J., bookkeeper, salesman and acting assistant manager. She is married to MacArthur Harris; they are the parents of two daughters and live in the Oakville community. New program and production manager for WTTX-AM and X-107 FM is David S. Johnson of Lynchburg. He came to WTTX in October from WRBG in Lynchburg where he worked as news director and production manager. Johnson is a graduate of James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

DEWEY MADDOX of Route 4, Appomattox, proudly displays an eight-point buck he killed with bow and arrow in Amherst County on Friday morning of last week at about 6:30. Maddox who has been hunting deer since about 1970 also enjoys turkey hunting.

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Jayvees tie for title, down Knights 20-6

The Appomattox jayvee Raiders took a 14-6 lead at halftime Thursday and went on to defeat Buckingham 20-6 to end their season in a deadlock with William Campbell for the district title.

Both teams ended the season with 7-1 district records. Appomattox was the junior varsity Seminole champions last year.

The Raiders took the lead in the second quarter on a 10 yard run Thursday, after a scoreless first quarter. Steve Hamlette recorded the touchdown, followed by a two point conversion pass from quarterback Paul John son to receiver Jeff Fanny.

Later in the second quarter, the Raiders put together a 60 yard drive, capped off by Ricky Turner's four-yard scoring run, to put the Raiders up 14-0. Buckingham scored near the end of the first half when Aaron Perkins broke away for a 37-yard run. The half ended at 14-6, Appomattox.

After a, scoreless third quarter, the Raiders again scored on a short pass from Johnson to Ricky Miller. The score was set up when the Raiders had a fourth and three at the Buckingham 40-yard line; from their punt formation, the Raiders surprised the Knights by centering the ball to Steve Hamlette; who bolted 15 yards to the Buckingham 15-yard line.

"This was a most satisfying year, and the kids came together much quicker than we anticipated," said Coach Howard Clabough after the game. "This year's squad was no where near as talented as last year's, but they overcame that lack of talent with more determination and hard, earnest work." Clabough also commended Coach John Petty-john for his working faithfully with both the offensive and defensive line throughout the season.

Against Buckingham, Steve Hamlette was the leading rusher, with 67 yards on eight carries. Ricky Turner collected 53 yards on five carries, and Christ Tolley got 35 yards on two carries. The Raiders totaled 276 yards on offense; 230 on the ground and 46 passing.

Defensively, Buddy Hamlette led the Raiders with 14 tackles and assists, followed by Mike Fanny with seven, and Todd Scruggs, Alphonso Moore, and Tyrone Abbitt, each with six tackles and assists. The Raiders held Buckingham to 158 total yards offense, including 110 on the ground and 48 passing.

Clabough commended quarterback Johnson for his performance through the year. Johnson passed 90 times and completed 41 for a total of 502 yards passing offense.

The coach also commended Ricky Turner, who ran 58 times for 300 yards and three touchdowns. Steve Hamlette, who got 457 yards on 65 carries, and scored three times Gary Ferguson, who ran 88 times for 514 yards and ten touchdowns; and Jeff Fanny, who caught 11 passes for 235 yards and four touchdowns.

Defensively, the coach commended Gary Ferguson, who made 45 tackles and recorded eight intercep tions. Antione Morgan, who made 31 tackles, including 18 solos. Gene Hamlette, who made 30 tackles, including 20 solos; Buddy Hamlette, who made 53 tackles, including 21 solos; Ricky Miller, who made 58 tackles, including 25 solos; Todd Scruggs, who had 45 tackles, including 27 solos; Donnie Scruggs, who had 29 tackles, including 10 solos, and Tyrone Abbitt, who recorded 25 tackles, including 11 solos.

WOW plans benefit

Woodmen of the World Camp 71 will sponsor a country music show Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium to benefit the Buddy Hackett family.

All proceeds from this show will go to the family, which was hit with tragedy in September when Buddy Hackett, the father, sustained a broken back.

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